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7 **BEFORE THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION**  
8 **IN AND FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

9 In re the Certification of

NO. 19-746

10 **LEIGHTON J. COX**

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

11 Respondent.

12 On June 19, 2019, LEIGHTON J. COX, a certified peace officer with the Palouse  
13 Police Department, was discharged for disqualifying misconduct pursuant to  
14 former RCW 43.101.105(1)(d) (2011), former RCW 43.101.010(8)(a)(i)(B) (2008), and  
15 former RCW 43.101.010(8)(b) (2008). The disqualifying misconduct included conduct  
16 constituting a crime involving dishonesty or false statement within the meaning of  
17 Evidence Rule 609(a), to wit: Making a False or Misleading Statement to a Public  
18 Servant. RCW 9A.76.175. The disqualifying misconduct also included conduct  
19 constituting a crime committed under color of authority as a peace officer, to wit:  
20 Official Misconduct and/or Misappropriation of Accounts. RCW 9A.80.010;  
21 RCW 42.20.070. The disqualifying misconduct is as follows:

22 **Count I**

23 On or around June 2019, COX engaged in conduct constituting the crime of  
24 Making a False or Misleading Statement to a Public Servant when he knowingly  
25 provided false or misleading statements to Officer Joel M. Anderson concerning the use  
26 of his issued city patrol vehicle. RCW 9A.76.175.

1 AND/OR

2 **Count II**

3 On or about June 2019, COX engaged in conduct constituting the crime of  
4 Official Misconduct when he intentionally and to his benefit used his department-issued  
5 patrol vehicle for personal transportation while he was off-duty and not on call, which  
6 was an unauthorized act under color of law. RCW 9A.80.010.

7 AND/OR

8 **Count III**

9 Between April 27, 2019 and June 3, 2019, COX engaged in conduct constituting  
10 the crime of Official Misconduct when he intentionally and to his benefit made  
11 unauthorized personal charges to his department-issued credit card, which was an  
12 unauthorized act under color of law. RCW 9A.80.010.

13 AND/OR

14 **Count IV**

15 Between April 27, 2019 and June 3, 2019, COX engaged in conduct constituting  
16 the crime of Misappropriation and Falsification of Accounts by Public Officer when he  
17 made unauthorized personal charges to his department-issued credit card, thereby  
18 misappropriating public funds for his own personal use. RCW 42.20.070.

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1 The discharge is final and some or all of the acts or omissions forming the basis  
2 for the discharge proceedings occurred on or after January 1, 2002.  
3 Former RCW 43.101.105(d).

4 DATED this \_12\_ day of October 2021.

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7 KEVIN ZELLER,  
8 Assistant Director  
9 Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission  
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